

TITLE 36.—PATRIOTIC SOCIETIES AND OBSERVANCES

Chapter 3.—THE AMERICAN LEGION

§ 43. Purposes of corporation.

The purpose of this corporation shall be: To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to promote peace and good will among the peoples of the United States and all the nations of the earth; to preserve the memories and incidents of the two World Wars and the other great hostilities fought to uphold democracy; to cement the ties and comradeship born of service; and to consecrate the efforts of its members to mutual helpfulness and service to their country. (As amended Sept. 1, 1966, Pub. L. 89-550, § 1, 80 Stat. 371.)

AMENDMENTS

1966—Pub. L. 89-550 substituted "and the other great hostilities" for "and the Korean hostilities" following "World Wars".

§ 45. Membership.

No person shall be a member of this corporation unless he has served in the naval or military services of the United States at some time during any of the following periods: April 6, 1917, to November 11, 1918; December 7, 1941, to September 2, 1945; June 25, 1950, to July 27, 1953; August 5, 1964, to the date of cessation of hostilities as determined by the Government of the United States, all dates inclusive, or who, being a citizen of the United States at the time of entry therein, served in the military or naval service of any of the governments associated with the United States during said wars or hostilities: *Provided, however,* That such person shall have an honorable discharge or separation from such service or continues to serve honorably after any of the aforesaid terminal dates. (As amended Sept. 1, 1966, Pub. L. 89-550, § 2, 80 Stat. 372.)

AMENDMENTS

1966—Pub. L. 89-550 inserted "August 5, 1964, to the date of cessation of hostilities as determined by the Government of the United States," following "June 25, 1950, to July 27, 1953;".

Chapter 4A.—AMVETS (AMERICAN VETERANS OF WORLD WAR II)

§ 67e. Membership.

Any person who served in the Armed Forces of the United States of America or any American citizen who served in the armed forces of an allied nation of the United States on or after September 16, 1940, and on or before the date of cessation of hostilities as determined by the Government of the United States, is eligible for regular membership in AMVETS, provided such service when terminated by discharge or release from active duty be by honorable discharge or separation. No person who is a member of, or who advocates the principles of, any organization believing in, or working for, the overthrow of the United

States Government by force, and no person who refuses to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States, shall be privileged to become, or continue to be, a member of this organization. (As amended Sept. 14, 1966, Pub. L. 89-576, 80 Stat. 772.)

AMENDMENTF

1966—Pub. L. 89-576 redefined eligibility for membership in Amvets, substituting "the date of cessation of hostilities as determined by the Government of the United States" for "January 31, 1955".

Chapter 6A.—DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS

§ 90i. Annual reports.

(a) Reports to Congress.

The said corporation shall, on or before the 1st day of January in each year, make and transmit to the Congress a report of its proceedings for its preceding fiscal year.

(b) Reports to Comptroller General; audit of accounts; payment of reimbursements into the Treasury.

(1) The said corporation shall as soon as practicable after the close of each of its fiscal years make and transmit to the Comptroller General a report of its proceedings for the preceding fiscal year, including a full, complete, and itemized report of receipts and expenditures of whatever kind, which report shall be duly audited by the Comptroller General.

(2) The said corporation shall annually reimburse the Comptroller General for auditing its accounts, and the sums so paid shall be covered into the Treasury of the United States as miscellaneous receipts. (As amended Dec. 18, 1967, Pub. L. 90-208, § 1, 81 Stat. 655.)

AMENDMENTS

1967—Pub. L. 90-208 designated existing provisions as subsec. (a) and added subsec. (b).

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1967 AMENDMENT

Section 2 of Pub. L. 90-208 provided that: "The amendment made by this Act [to this section] shall be effective with respect to each fiscal year of the Disabled American Veterans beginning after the date of enactment of this Act [Dec. 18, 1967]."

Chapter 8.—AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION

§§ 121b, 122, 122a.

REPEATED.—Pub. L. 89-164, title V, § 501, Sept. 2, 1965, 79 Stat. 639, 640; Pub. L. 89-797, title V, § 501, Nov. 8, 1966, 80 Stat. 1501; Pub. L. 90-133, title V, § 501, Nov. 8, 1967, 81 Stat. 429; Pub. L. 90-470, title V, § 501, Aug. 9, 1968, 82 Stat. 686.

Chapter 9.—NATIONAL OBSERVANCES

Sec.

157a. National Flag Week [New].

169e. Steelmark Month [New].

169f. National Hispanic Heritage Week [New].